

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 13

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Chapel***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations***
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
All Services Streamed Live
12:00 PM SAM Trip- 9 to 5, **Amelia Island Community Theater**
12:15 PM Mission Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Youth Group, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, August 14

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, August 15

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Circle 5, **Diane Bailey's Beach House**
5:30 PM Nominations Meeting, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**
6:30 PM Circle 1, **Parlor**

Wednesday, August 16

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:30 PM BBQ & Bingo Bash, **Thorpe Building**

Thursday, August 17

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
12:00 PM Footprints Widows Lunch, **Demere Grill**

Friday, August 18

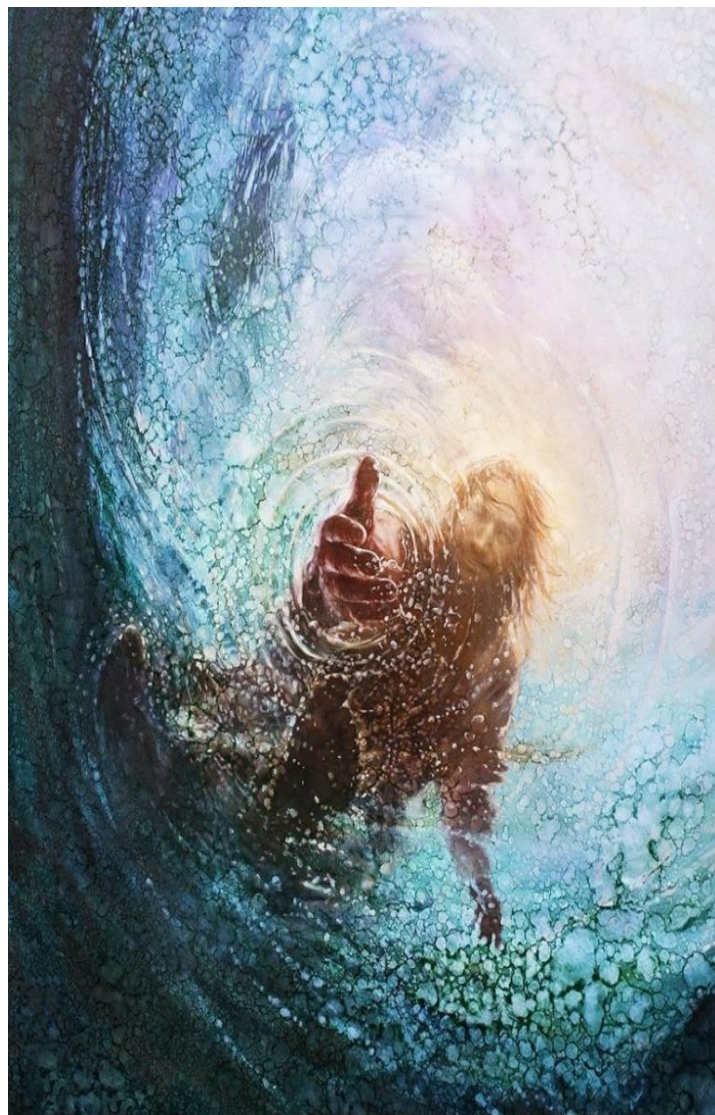
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES

Check out our **Online Calendar of Events** on our website at
<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/calendar/>

ST. SIMONS

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 13, 2023

SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

God of Brilliant Lights

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Fellowship Time

No Matter What

CCLI #7105904
© Songs of Emack

Morning Prayer

All My Hope

CCLI #7068805
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Peace, Be Still

MORNING MESSAGE

Sinking Feelings

Matthew 14:22-33
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Mighty to Save

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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

AUGUST 13, 2023

8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

CALL TO WORSHIP

Safe Within the Arms

Chancel Choir

* HYMN #117

*O God, Our Help
in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

*I'm So Glad Jesus
Lifted Me*
Verses 1 & 3

KID'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #474

*Precious Lord,
Take My Hand*
Verses 1 & 3

PRECIOUS LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

*I Know Whom
I Have Believed*

Kevin Lamb
arr. Hamm

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Peace, Be Still

Holly Lamb

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Sinking Feelings

Matthew 14:22-33

* INVITATION #128

*He Leadeth Me:
O Blessed Thought*
Verse 1 & 3

HE LEADETH ME

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Methodists

Sometimes we need a smile. I received a smile this week from a member of our church who shared the following article with me. It is written by Garrison Keillor, noted humorist, author, and radio personality. While I can't recall if there was a Methodist Church in Lake Wobegon, he provides us with an interesting description of what it means to Methodist. He writes:

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But I do believe this: These people are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

- * If you're dying, they will comfort you.
- * If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.
- * And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.
- * Methodists believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
- * Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
- * Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
- * Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
- * Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
- * Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
- * Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.
- * Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

You know you are a Methodist when:

- * It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- * You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- * Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee (Thanks to "Sweet Mamas" this line item has been reduced considerably!).
- * And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye!

I am glad to be a United Methodist! While some of what Garrison Keillor shared may make us smile, what brings real joy to my heart is that we are a people who love Jesus. We live to follow his examples of compassion and forgiveness. We embrace the idea that he has changed our lives to help us change the lives of others. The Methodists of St. Simons United Methodist Church are incredible people – saved by grace and committed to serving and growing together as a people of faith in our amazing church!

I look forward to being with you on Sunday. It may be close to 100 degrees outside – but the coffee will be brewing.

Blessings,

Tom

Footprints Widow Support Group

Join us for our next lunch meeting at Demere Grill on Thursday, August 17 at noon. Please let Susan Hoshall know you are planning on attending by calling or texting her at 912-399-5454.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com

August 6, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$28,208.00

Received YTD | \$713,988.43

Expenses YTD | \$724,775.90

Difference YTD | -\$10,787.47

Budgeted Amount YTD \$734,734.05

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$11,639.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$250,862.15

thank you

Attendance- August 6, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **104** Sunday School/Small Groups: **121**

9:45 Worship Service: **102** Online Worship Views: **1,944**

11:00 Worship Service: **248**

In Person Worship Total: **454**

Members in Ministry- August 13, 2023

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Phil Shinall, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams

Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Susan Pope, Kari Cooper, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee **9:45** Ashley Swann

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

8:30 Scarlett Kirby **11:00** Adeline Watson

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster **10:30** Rosemary Longmire

12:00 Laura Weldy

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Carol Cox, Anne Rogers, Larry Rogers, Dee West

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Joe Barefoot, Maddox Elizabeth Belt, Jo Blakely, Dr. Jean Cardin, **Lamont Craft**, Kelly Conner, Ernie Dewit, **Brian Finlay**, **Tyler Hairston**, **Cheryl & Bob Haws**, Adam Hobbs, **Patrick Hoey**, **Family of Les Jackson**, Jenny Jensen, The Mann Family, Family & friends of Dr. Hubert Manning, **Chris Oliver**, **Shyrell Oliver**, **Kenneth A. Smith**, **Anne Spelts**, **Dr. Frank Spelts**, Christopher Treon, **Hadley Anne Webster**, Chuck Wilson, **John Wilton**, Susie Wright

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, **Sam Bodine**, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, June Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallowes, Ronda Hansen, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Merideth Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Louise Mofield, Spence Mullis, Phil Needham, Kirk Nowery, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Mel Rozier, Bob Scherer, Dee Taylor, Dave Vandersall, Bo & Mary Vice, Terry West, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Senior Care Center: Jerry Winsness

Vitality Assisted: Jim Jensen

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.



BBQ & Bingo Bash!

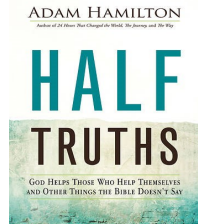
Join us on Wednesday, August 16 to kick off the fall programming at SSUMC with a fun evening of BBQ and Bingo! We will gather in the Thorpe Building for dinner at 5:30

pm and then enjoy a fun few rounds of bingo! There will be prizes for the winners!! All of our church family is welcome to attend! Please RSVP by **Monday, August 14** on Realm or by emailing Ashley at ashley@stsimonsumc.com or by calling the church office!

Half Truths Bible Study

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES AND OTHER THINGS THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY

We've heard these phrases all of our lives, but in Adam Hamilton's book, *Half Truths*, you'll learn that although they capture some element of truth, when compared to the wisdom found in Scripture, they're really just popular sayings. *Half Truths* is a 5 week Bible study that will be led by Richard Soper, starting Thursday, August 24 at 10:00AM in Room 201. Sign up in Realm or by contacting the church office. Bible study books are \$13.00 and can be purchased in the office.



Financial Peace University at SSUMC

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join our Financial Peace University class at SSUMC starting on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/46BC6F> or sign up on Realm or call the church office for more info!

ERT for Disaster Relief

Our church will host an **Early Response Team Training** event on Saturday, August 26, 8:00am-3:00pm, in the Thorpe Building. The cost for the training is \$30. Lunch is provided.

Early Response Team (ERT) Training equips individuals and teams to respond in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. At the training, participants will receive an ERT Training Manual and upon completing the course will receive an UMCOR ID Badge and a conference ERT T-shirt. You must be 18 years or older to get the UMCOR badge and have completed Safe Sanctuary Training by watching the video at

<https://sgaumc-reg.brtaapp.com/ERTChainsawStSimons>. Participants will also be required to complete an UMCOR background check via www.tinyurl.com/umcorv at no cost.

Please contact David Clark, Missions Chair, at dfclark929@gmail.com or at 770-639-0346 for more info. about the class and for assistance with registration.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF DONALD REWIS BY:
Bob Rewis

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF CARLTON SUMNER BY:
Bob Rewis

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF FRED ALEXANDER BY:
Zoe & Charles Hicks

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TERRI DUNKLE BY:
Gail Rivard, Mary & Barry Brittain

Christmas Cantata 2023

Join us on Wednesday, August 23 for our annual Christmas Preview at 6:15pm in the Choir Room. If you are interested in singing in the cantata on December 10 for morning worship. This is the first introduction to the music. This is an exiting collection of songs with varied styles and genres. Once again our kid's choir will be participating and of course we will have a full orchestra.



Kid's Clubhouse THIS SUNDAY!

THIS SUNDAY 8/13, Our refreshed and enhanced Kid's Clubhouse is making its debut alongside our two new Kids services—Clubhouse Jam (9:45am) and Action Lab (11:00am). This treehouse-themed space will give our Kindergarten through 5th graders a place to celebrate God's goodness, experience His love, and learn His amazing plan for their lives. Parents, please plan to come, stay, and worship with your kids and see the incredible fun we're having as we include the whole family for this opening day. It's going to be a blast!

Youth Group Is Back... With Lasers!

To kick off our Fall and to welcome our new 6th graders, we're going to be grilling hamburgers and playing laser tag behind the Thorpe Building at 5:30pm on Sunday, August 13! We're transforming the backyard into a laser tag course with inflatable bunkers and live updates of your scores. Parents and siblings are invited. Let's see who's best: Guys vs girls. Middle vs High School. Parents vs Kids. Everyone for themselves! There will be prizes for the winners! Can't wait to see you there!

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor in the Stubbs Bldg.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor in the Stubbs Bldg.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones. **678.343.3767 | tom@stsimonsumc.com**



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